Vulcan Phase II BAA

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers 01 February 2010

Question #1:

Can you please clarify what is being asked for in regards to Phase III in the BAA? If you are looking for a Phase III cost, IMS and WBS to be included in the proposal, can you also clarify to what WBS level?

Response:

DARPA is not looking for any cost or schedule information for Phase III at this time. Phase III information was provided as a broader context of where the program is headed.

Question #2:

Is a company's Vulcan Phase II choice of:

- A) PDE or
- B) CDE or
- C) other CVC architecture with no further definition a classified piece of information?

Response:

The choice of CVC for the Vulcan engine is classified.

Question #3:

3A) If our organization has a preexisting rig built under funding other than that for the DARPA Vulcan program for testing CVC concepts, does that rig remain unclassified if no modifications are made to it?

Response:

Yes that rig would remain unclassified and any data from testing that rig can be brought into the Vulcan program provided that no data about the final configuration or conditions is transferred to uncleared personnel that might be working on the unclassified rig.

3B) If the rig is modified to add a new type of fuel to the rig or repair broken instrumentation, would the rig then remain unclassified?

Response:

Adding a fuel type or repairing instrumentation does not constitute a modification to the rig. However, modifications to the rig that change the design of the rig (for example devices such as the air valve, igniter, fuel valve, ddt devices or other CVC enabling components of a rig in a combined system) would cause that rig to become classified. These types of modifications would provide information about your Vulcan Engine CVC design which would be classified SECRET as called out in the Vulcan Program Security Classification Guide starting on Page 14.